## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

Applicant:

**MEROTH** 

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend

the application as follows:

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